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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action mailed October 6, 2008, (hereinafter, "the Action") to which a response was due on January 6, 2008. This paper is being filed with a petition for three months extension of time. If any additional fee is required for the entry of this paper, the Commissioner is authorized to charge our Deposit Account No. 19-1970.

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